



PYC NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS MARILYN STEINER

The Pentwater Yacht Club is off to a great start this season. Manager Kari Kokx and staff are working very hard to please our members. The Committees have met and are planning for upcoming events. Volunteers have spent hours making repairs, installing new equipment, and sprucing up the Club. Vice Commodore, Mike LaHaye, has taken charge on the building structure project and has proven that he is a very capable person with a "git 'er done" attitude. Thanks, Mike, for stepping up.

The 2009 Yearbook is available at the Club for you to pick up. A special thanks to Dick Toner who produced the 2008 Yearbook with assistance from Janet Webber, Joyce Toner, and Kathy Ribbens. Andrea Ziebarth has done an excellent job setting up a new website for PYC and asks all members to email her a digital photo of themselves in .jpg format to abziebarth@yahoo.com or mail a picture to 226 E. Park Street, Pentwater so that she can post member photos on the web site. This will help when you try to remember who those people were that you met last night at the Club.

The Planning Committee sent out a survey to members requesting your opinions on a number of subjects for 2009 and beyond planning. Many projects being considered and we want to know what is important to you. If you missed the email, you can pick up a copy at the Club. Please mail it to PYC, PO Box 607, Pentwater or drop it off at the Club. Your opinion counts, so be sure to fill it out.

Thanks to Joan VanZile for editing the PYC Newsletter. She has done the first two by email while she is still in Florida. Thanks to Noreen and Carl Chapman for painting the front doors and window boxes.

Good times are coming up and we have a full calendar. Come, enjoy a good meal and meet new friends at the Club. I look forward to seeing you and taking advantage of the best view in Western Michigan!

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT MIKE LAHAYE

Hello, everyone welcome back to a new season at the PYC. The club opened Mother's Day weekend to a great crowd of members. It was nice to see some faces that have been away for the winter. Kari, the new manager and her staff, did a great job for our opening weekend. The food and service was outstanding. We look forward to more of the same this season.

The PYC now has draft beer, and I would like to thank Ron Steiner for picking up the kegerator when he was in Grand Rapids last week. We are planning on having mostly micro brews, and we are starting with Goose Island, and Great Lakes beer on tap.

**New Member
Brunch
Noon, June 8**
**Father's Day
Cookout
12-4 June 15**
**Boats Pass
In Review
1 pm June 22**
**Caribbean
Party 8 pm
June 28**

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The front dock at the club is back together and available for use. We are in a holding pattern with the south deck area, until the permit arrives for the seawall work to continue. We have been told that the permit should be here the week of (May 19-23). Once the permit is here the south seawall will be replaced followed by the north seawall. If all goes according to plan we could be finished by the first week of June. Bids packages have been sent out to work on the parking lot drainage issues. The bid packages were due back to the Vice Commodore by Friday May 23rd, with work starting the following week.

Saturday May 24th was the big Mortgage Burning Party, and was sponsored by the Finance Committee, a big thank you goes out to Dennis Rowley, and Sally Landenberger for all of the work that have put into getting ready for this party. This party was free to all members, with cash bar. Snacks and finger food was plentiful. Music was provided by "Two to Tango", Joanne and Steve .

Sunday June 8th is the New Member Open House, if you don't have any plans come to the club and meet our new members.

Put June 28th on your calendar, for the Summer Caribbean Party, there will be island music, food and refreshments. Marsha LaHaye and her committee are getting things ready for that big event.

REAR COMMODORE COMMENTS BILL BULLARD

The month of May has got us off to a great part-time start. Diane and I have had the opportunity to enjoy a good dinner and lunch with fellow members and friends the last couple of weekends. We were very pleased with both the food and service. During the month of June the Club is open with a full-time schedule and things really start "cooking." The Thursday night dinners begin on June 19 with what has become the "Ensign" flank steak dinner. We hope everyone comes and helps get the Thursday night dinners off to a great start. The traditional schedule of dinners is listed in the 2008 PYC Book with notations of types of meal and individuals who have stepped forward to serve. We have also posted the schedule on the PYC bulletin board with a sign-up sheet. It's great to see that some members have already signed up to help. We are especially in need of volunteers for the July 3 dinner. We know this is a busy time, but we can promise a rewarding experience when we help celebrate America's birthday. There is also an opening for a chairperson(s) for the July 31 Mexican Dinner. If you have a southwest recipe you're dying to try out, don't hesitate to sign up or call me. The month of June also begins the process of the Nominating Committee consisting of; Noreen Chapman, Fred Cisler, and Dick Ouweneel for the calendar year 2009. Volunteerism is the key to success of our Club. As chairman of the committee, I look forward to hearing of your interest to serve.

YOUTH SUE BAINTON, CHAIRMAN

"SAIL DAZE" will be Friday, July 18th from 11:00 to 1:30. This year the theme will be "Pirates of Pentwater". All kids ages 5 and older are welcome. The crews along with their Captains will sail Pentwater Lake to seek out lost crew, find buried treasure, rescue crew members, and capture pirate ships. We will have the water filled pram "duck boat" and a choice of a sailboat or pontoon boat ride for the kids under five. Kids can wear their favorite pirate attire, and it is a good idea to bring water shoes and a towel. Water gun is optional, but a must for self-defense! The Club does not have enough life jackets for all youth, so in order to be sure your child can participate in the "on water" activities make sure they bring their own life jackets. There will be lunch provided, prizes from the "prize pram", and a T- shirt to commemorate this special event. Cost per child is \$5.00 which will be collected the day of the event. Please have your children sign up on the board in the Junior room, and to be sure to list your T-shirt size as "Y" for youth or "A" for adult. If you have any questions please contact Sue Bainton at 869-8641. Just a reminder, on Thursday, August 14th (Homecoming weekend) the PYC Youth group will be hosting the Italian Spaghetti dinner. All youth are invited to help serve.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE HILLARY BENVENUTI, CHAIRMAN

New Members: Lynn & Jacquie Boynton, Philip & Nancy Ceton, Joel & Diedre Hubscher, Thomas & Jill Joyce, Al & Laurel Kamen, Douglas & Christina McVie, Gigi Mitchell, Tave & Lesley Reser, Micki Stejskal, Stan & Linda Waruszewski, John Young, Jr. Welcome!!

HOUSE COMMITTEE ED EVERHART, CHAIRMAN

It was impossible to write an article about a single subject. There is so much news and thoughts as we begin the new season. If you don't mind, I'll just ramble. Let's begin with menus. I ask Commodore Marilyn to try to get a menu synopsis in this newsletter.

What I want you to know is that it has been taste tested and approved. I also want you to know that the restaurant is open for lunch on Fridays and Saturdays until June 1st when it will be also open during the week except Thursdays after the Thursday night dinners start. When we interviewed Kari, we talked to her about having an affordable, prompt and delicious lunch program. She agreed and I hope you take advantage of it. She hopes to keep the daily lunch specials under five dollars. The lunch menu will also have home-made soups and don't forget we now have homemade desserts. Let us know what you think by filling out a comment card.

I don't know if you picked up the free coffee rumor yet. It is a an effort to get you to come down, get a free cup of java buy a homemade pastry or muffin, read .your paper and stay for lunch. I hope it works well for us and for you.

Another new effort on our part is to have an after hours light menu. After the full dinner kitchen closes on Friday and Saturday nights, see the bartender if you would like to have a bite to eat. He/she will have a light menu available. This is really new; draft beer will now be available—Great Lakes lager and Goose Island.

After June 1st, we will have an early bird special for both drinks and lighter dinner.

Please consider being a host and/or hostess some Friday or Saturday evening. If you know some new members have them serve with you. It is very pleasant to have someone greet you at dinner time and it is also a great way to meet new members and for new members to get introduced. Please help out by calling Barb Davidson at 869-5342 to volunteer.

One final thought, it is touchy but I think it must be said. Things are not the same as last year, Sandy and Scott are gone. We will miss them but we have new cooks, a new manager, and new wait staff and all reports are that they are doing a great job. Let's enjoy the new folks, their cooking and their desire to please the members while we reminisce. Enjoy and again, use the comment cards so we can continue serve you well.

FLOWER COMMITTEE DEDE SAMUEL, CHAIRMAN

As the first of our committee's work is accomplished, members will soon see new color and plant design around the club. The window boxes and the large urns that flank the entryway have been planted. If you have been to any of the area nurseries, lately, you will see what a large variety there are from which to choose. We hope you will enjoy our selections and the colorful "look" they provide.

Other garden work will be in progress early in June and, over the course of the summer, several beginning steps of the entry plan will begin. As promised, the sketches of a completed plan, phased over a three year timeline, will be available for viewing, this spring. Members Norm Booth and Gail Zink return to Pentwater in mid June and will have plans to view. Some work on this plan can be accomplished this spring and summer without expense. The old railroad ties will be pulled and a new front flower-bed will be created. Volunteer help for this and for some transplanting will be needed and the committee hopes many strong hands will step forward when this work is scheduled. Call Connie 869-4628 or Dee 869-4258 to indicate your interest in volunteering and watch for future announcements. The Flower Committee's work is in providing table flowers for the Thursday Night Dinners. This will begin mid-June and continue though Labor Day. We would like to remind dinner chairpersons to contact our committee if they are working with a special theme or color or if they choose to make their own table arrangements.

APPAREL COMMITTEE LAURA LAHAYE, CHAIRMAN

The new PYC apparel is in! Come in and see the new styles and colors for this season. There are sweatshirts, hoodies, long & short sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirt blankets, PYC shot glasses, polo's and many other items. PYC wear make great gifts for everyone on their birthdays or anniversaries. Come in now while the selection is still good.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Summer hours begin 10 am-7pm</p>	<p>2 10am-10pm</p>	<p>3 Seminar Weather in Big Lake Chop 6pm</p>	<p>4 Bridge 1:00 Ensign race 10am-10pm</p>	<p>5 10am-10pm</p>	<p>6 10am-Midnight-Close</p>	<p>7 Ensign, Off Shore Races Roundup Back/Mac 4</p>
<p>8 New Member Lunch Noon 10 am-7pm</p>	<p>9 10am-10pm</p>	<p>10 Sun-fish trimming Seminar 6pm Sunfish</p>	<p>11 Bridge 1:00 Ensign race 10am-10pm</p>	<p>12 10am-10pm</p>	<p>13 10am-Midnight-close</p>	<p>14 Bd.of Dir. Meeting Ensign race Springfest arts/crafts</p>
<p>15 Father's Day Cookout 12-4 pm Springfest arts/crafts</p>	<p>16 10am-10pm</p>	<p>17 Seminar Polar Wind Diagram 6pm Sunfish</p>	<p>18 Bridge 1:00 Ensign race 10am-10pm</p>	<p>19 No Lunch Flank Steak Dinner</p>	<p>20 10am-Close Deadline for newsletter</p>	<p>21 Ensign race Off Shore Race</p>
<p>22 Boats Pass in Review 1 10 am-7pm</p>	<p>23 10am-10pm</p>	<p>24 Sunfish 11:30</p>	<p>25 Bridge 1:00 Ensign race 10am-10pm</p>	<p>26 No Lunch Lasagna dinner Band concert</p>	<p>27 10am-Midnight-close</p>	<p>28 Summer party 8 pm Ensign race</p>
<p>29 10 am-7pm Ori/Webber wedding 6pm</p>	<p>30 10am-10pm</p>					

REGATTA COMMITTEE FRODE MAASEIDVAAG, CHAIRMAN

The Regatta Committee, the race committees and all the PYC sailors thank Tony Sisson for building the impressive storage box which contains all the equipment necessary for sail boat racing such as race markers and race committee flags, equipment and records.

The Spring Series start for the Ensign and Open Fleets is being delayed due to the repairs of the PYC seawalls. The May 24 start was cancelled and the fun Wednesday evening races will start with announcements from the fleet captains.

The racing buoys in Pentwater Lake will have been placed by May 25, weather permitting, by Dave Dice and volunteers. Thank you Dave!

The fleets are very interested in accommodating everyone who wishes to crew. If you would like to experience Ensign sailing, come to the PYC dock on Wednesday afternoon about 5:30 pm and we will find room for you on one of the boats.

The Offshore Fleet started their season on Saturday May 31. The Offshore Fleet is looking for more participation. If you have an offshore boat, and have any interest in racing, please contact Fleet Captains Dave Dice or Bill DeHommel.

The Racing/Sailing Seminars continue and the seminar topic, time and place can be found on the PYC website and posted at the Club. For more details on PYC Racing/Sailing, please check the PYC website or contact one of the Regatta Committee members. We also have excellent Race Committees and we are looking forward to an outstanding Racing/Sailing season.

STATIONS COMMITTEE BILL BAINTON, CHAIRMAN

Construction work on the seawalls is still in process. The dock launch was delayed and the docks will be going in when the wall work is complete. We anticipate this will be no later than early June. Unfortunately until the work is completed and the docks are launched, the Sunfish area is also still unusable.

On the more positive side, the dinghy area is ready for use and racks have been assigned. Footholds are being cut in the face of the front (west) wall to make it easier to get off boats. The visible obstructions in the south basin have been removed. Water depth is up a few inches and is forecast to be slightly above last year's summer levels.

Good news for the fisherman of the club. The DEQ used our basin to plant two truckloads of trout early this month. The fish hung around several days and the work crew and several members made an effort to try to keep the cormorants from eating too many of the small fish. At last look, the fish seemed to have headed for bigger waters.

The dock rules are posted on the front of the club and in the directory. If you use the dock, please become familiar with these. At our last meeting, the committee made several minor changes in the front wall policies which we hope to have approved by the board at the June meeting. These will be posted on the informational bulletin board inside the club if approved.

WOMEN'S SUNFISH FLEET 218 SANDY VIELMO & JOAN ROSEMAN



Ladies mark your calendar for June 10th as that is when the Sun (fish) Chicks are starting. We will always meet for lunch, even if the weather doesn't cooperate. Plan on meeting at 11:30 and hope for good weather.

Please remember to pick up your 2008 Yearbook at the PYC. Due to an error in publishing, the Yearbooks are missing page 26. You can pick up a copy of the missing page at the Club.

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Summary of Menu

Lunch Menu:

Soups & Salads, Combo: Soup or Salad or Fruit & ½ Sandwich

Sandwiches: Club, Chicken Breast, ¼ lb Hamburger, ½ lb Hamburger, Bella Burger, Grouper, Rubeen, French Dip, BLT, Grilled Cheese, Hot Dog, Chicken Tenders.

Dinner Menu:

Appetizers: Chips & Salsa, Potato Skins, Crab Cakes, Coconut Shrimp, Buffalo Wings, Sliders. Salads: House, Iceberg, Caesar.

Entrees: Ribeye Steak, Chicken Marsala, Chicken Parmesan, Salmon, Mediterranean Pasta, Perch, White Fish, Shrimp.

Casual Side: Chicken Breast Sandwich, ¼ lb Burger, ½ lb Burger, Bella Burger, Grouper Sandwich, Chicken Tenders.

Desserts: Ice Cream Sundaes, Homemade Specials



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